under the existing Raw Material Banks of the Board for tasar and muga, functioning at Chaibasa (Bihar) and Sibsagar (Assam) respectively.

(c) Raw Material Bank at Chaibasa mainly procures tasar cocoons directly from tribal rearers in different weekly markets of tribal areas offering a fair economic price. The quantity and value of tasar cocoons procured during the last 3 years are as under :—

Year	Qty. in Kahans*	Value in Lakh Rs.
1990-91	2696	5.94
1991-92	2857	5.20
1992-93	4769	14.09

*1 Kahan-1280 cocoons

The Raw Material Bank for muga procures muga cocoons door to door from the rearers of muga producing villages/ tribal areas of Assam, offering a fair economic price to them. The quantity and value of muga cocoons procured during the last 3 years are as under :—

Year	Qty. in lakh nos.	Value in lakh Rs.
1990-91	1.58	0.66
1991-92	9.33	3.11
1992-93	22.13	8.43

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS BY TEXTILE EXPORTS

2701. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the total foreign exchange earnings from textiles during years 1990-1991, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to further boost the export of textile goods to foreign countries;

(c) which countries are the major buyers of Indian Textiles in International Market;

(d) whether it is a fact that acceptance of Dunkel's proposal will be suicidal to our textile exports; and

(e) if so, whether Government have contemplated the ways and means to prevent the onslaught of depression in Indian textile industry in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) :

(a) Export of textiles during the last three years were as under :

(In Million US $)

Year	Exports|Provisional
1990-91	4652
1991-92	4881
1992-93	5616

*excludes Coir, Jute and Handicrafts.

(Source : Textile Export Promotion Councils)

(b) Government have taken several steps to boost textile exports which include full convertibility of Rupees, allowing import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production, participation in Buyer-Seller Meets, Fairs, Exhibition etc.

(c) Major importers of Indian Textiles include European Community Member States, USA, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Bangladesh, Japan, Switzerland, Australia etc.

(d) and (e) Acceptance of Dunkel's proposals are not expected to affect India's textile exports.

METHODS TO IMPROVE FASHION TECHNOLOGY TO TEXTILES GOODS

2702. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the latest methods followed by Textiles Industry to improve fashion technology for Textile goods;

(b) which is the major exporter among Indian States; and

(c) what is the statewise order of export during the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and so far in 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Some of the latest methods followed by the Textile Industry to improve fashion technology for textiles are as follows :—

(i) Computer Aided Design (CAD) System for creating Printed, Woven and Jacquard design in order to enhance the creativity and productivity of artists through instant generation of new designs, colour changes and colour separations. The System comprises the latest State of the Art Hardware and User-friendly Software.

(ii) Installation of modern high-tech equipments to improve production capacities, Productivity and Control over quality.

(b) and (c) State-wise export statistics are not maintained in the Ministry.

NATIONAL HANDLOOMS EXPO 1993-94.

2703. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Handloom Expo 93-94 has been organised at New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, details thereof with its characteristics ;

(c) whether this Expo represented all States and Union Territories;

(d) if so, details thereof with criteria for such representation;

(e) whether Government propose to organise such Expo simultaneously in other States in future; and